

HILLSDALE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

February 27, 2025

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair, Gary Leininger, on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission office.

Members Present: Gary Leininger, Mike Parney, Mark Kline, and Kathy Schmitt.

Members on Phone: Bob Godfrey.

Staff Present: Kevin Sanders, Superintendent.  
Kathryn Kirkpatrick, Clerk.  
Kwinn Leva, Administrative Assistant.

Visitors Present: Doug Ingles – Hillsdale County Commissioner.  
Darius Udrys – Fox 47 News.  
Jennifer Wortz – State Representative.  
Don Hobbs.  
Nick Bentley.  
Jim Koers.  
Dave Cook.  
Billy Julian.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Meeting Recessed at 10:00 a.m.**

The vice chair recessed the meeting due to the previous meeting ending at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Reconvened at 10:12 a.m.**

The vice chair reconvened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#25-017 Kathy Schmitt moved, Mark Kline supported, to approve the agenda for February 27, 2025.

Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#25-018 Mark Kline moved, Mike Parney supported, to approve the minutes for February 13, 2025, for the regular meeting.

Motion Carried.

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**CONFIRMATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT BY THE STAFF**

**#25-019** Mike Parney moved, Mark Kline supported, to approve the following:

Bills in the amount of \$460,757.25 per Regular Accounts Payable Check Register dated 02/20/2025, as authorized by manager and clerk.

Motion Carried.

**CONFIRMATION OF PAYROLL AS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT BY THE STAFF**

**#25-020** Mike Parney moved, Mark Kline supported, to confirm the following:

Regular payroll in the amount of \$140,449.31 per Payroll Check Register dated February 27, 2025, as authorized by the clerk and payroll clerk.

Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT PRESENTED**

The treasurer's report was presented by the clerk as follows:

Beginning Balance-Cash & Investments	\$ 2,663,725.50
Receipts	\$ 209,801.04
Disbursements	(\$ 601,206.56)
Ending Cash & Investments Balance	\$ 2,272,319.98
Less: Bonds in Escrow	(\$ 10,250.00)
CD Reserved for 2 trucks	(\$ 673,078.13)
Ending Available Fund Balance	\$ 1,588,991.85

Note: Outstanding Accounts Payable = \$ 244,436.69

As there were no questions or comments regarding the report, the chair declared the report to stand approved as read.

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**ARIAL LIFT/SIGN TRUCK BID**

Bids opened at 10:30a.m. for Aerial Lift/Sign Truck. One bid was received.

#25-021 Mike Parney moved, Kathy Schmitt supported, to table the bid until the March 13, 2025 meeting.

Motion Carried.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

At 10:22 A.M., the vice chair opened the meeting to limited public comment.

Jennifer Wortz addressed the board regarding road funding from the State, the minimum wage increase, Earned Sick Time Wages, and the tractor rally at the Capital Building.

Don Hobbs addressed the board regarding violations of the Open Meetings Act, items on the agenda and contract negotiations.

Nick Bentely addressed the board regarding HCRC Policies.

Jim Koers addressed the board regarding contract negotiations.

Dave Cook addressed the board regarding contract negotiations.

**Superintendent's Comment**

Two new trucks are here and both are in service.

Tree work has been on hold due to the weather and mud.

Frost laws will go in effect Monday, 3/3/25, at 6 a.m.

Gravel roads are muddy and we will add stone to them if necessary.

Pre-construction meeting for the 2024 Federal Aid Project was 2/25/2025, with a project completion date of 6/20/2025.

**Old Business**

Board discussed Egypt Road.

Board discussed MDOT cutting trees on US-12.

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**New Business**

**RESOLUTION #25-001 ADOPTED TO AUTHORIZE MANAGER TO SIGN TITLE SHEET**

**#25-022** Mike Parney moved, Kathy Schmitt supported, to approve resolution #25-001 to Authorize Manager to Sign Title Sheet.

Yeas: Mike Parney, Gary Leininger, Kathy Schmitt, Mark Kline

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**2025 CERTIFIED MILEAGE MAPS APPROVED**

The superintendent presented for the board's review 2025 certified mileage maps.

There are no changes to report at this time. The current primary and local mileage is as follows:

Road System	Previous Mileage	Mileage Revisions	Current Mileage
Primary	369.97	0.00	369.97
Local	<u>827.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>827.67</u>
Totals	1,197.64	0.00	1,197.64

With the recent changes to the urban boundaries our urban mileage changes are as follows:

Road System	Previous Mileage	Mileage Revisions	Current Mileage
Primary	9.14	-0.95	8.19
Local	<u>21.48</u>	<u>-5.75</u>	<u>15.73</u>
Totals	30.62	-6.70	23.92

**#25-023** Mark Kline moved, Mike Parney supported to approve the 2025 Certified Mileage Maps.

Motion Carried.

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**TOWNSHIP AGREEMENTS APPROVED**

The following township agreements were presented for board approval:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Work Type</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Twp Share</u>
Amboy	Road Stabilization – 29 Miles 2 Applications	\$ 34,800.00	\$17,400.00
Fayette	Road Stabilization – 23 Miles 3 Applications	\$ 41,400.00	\$20,700.00
Fayette	Spot Gravel Patch – 1,500 Ton Various Roads	\$ 49,5000.00	\$22,500.00
Hillsdale	Road Stabilization – 4 Miles 2 Applications	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,400.00
Hillsdale	Spot Gravel Patch – 750 Ton Various Roads	\$ 24,750.00	\$ 11,250.00

**#25-024** Mark Kline moved, Mike Parney supported, that the township agreements, contingent on prioritization, be approved and signed.

Motion Carried.

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**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

At 11:20 A.M., the vice chair opened the meeting to limited public comment.

Jim Koers addressed the board regarding Township Contracts.

Don Hobbs addressed the board regarding grievances, arbitration, and the ESTA meeting.

Nick Bentley addressed the board regarding HCRC policies.

Dave Cook addressed the board regarding contract negotiations.

**Meeting Adjourned 11:25 A.M.**

Mark Parney moved, and Mark Kline supported, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

  
Vice Chair

  
Clerk